

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title:	Changes in Manure Management in the Hog Sector: 1998-2004		
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB)	EIB		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Influential Scientific Information	
Agency:	Economic Research Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
	USDA		
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Subject of Review:	Economic competition has driven rapid changes in the hog industry: production has shifted regionally and to larger operations that increasingly specialize in a single phase of hog production and are organized under production contracts. At the same time, recent changes to the Clean Water Act, State regulations, and local conflicts over odor are requiring producers to alter their manure management decisions. This report uses survey data from 1998 and 2004 to document the current State of manure management and provide information about producers' emerging responses to existing and anticipated manure-related regulations. Because larger animals produce more manure, animal units (1,000 pounds of live animal weight) are used to compare farms that produce livestock at different stages of the animal lifecycle.		
Purpose of Review:	The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.		
Type of Review:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Panel Review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Reviewers
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):	
Timing of Review (Est.):	Start:	09/10/08	End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX
Number of Reviewers:	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 or fewer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 to 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:	Economists		
Reviewers selected by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Outside Organization
	Organization's Name:		
Opportunities for Public Comment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:		
	How:		
	When:		
Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No